spent yesterday in the port inspecting, — there is always something to see.

12th. Rain in torrents. I spent all day yesterday in boats or on horseback. It seems to agree with me. I have never had such good health.

I hope I shall soon reach the goal that Europe is watching. We have the insults of six centuries to avenge.

16th. From the cliff at Ambleteuse I had a sight of the English coast. I could make out houses and movement. The thing is a ditch, and with a pinch of courage it can be jumped.

December 7th, Paris:

The combined fleets will start (in March), and reach Boulogne (in April).

At the end of February I shall be at Boulogne with 130,000 men. With a good wind we need the fleet for only twelve hours.

29th. I start to-morrow at six in the morning for Boulogne. I shall be back for the opening session of the Legislative Body.